

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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A brief look back at the year that was 2003

JANUARY

January 2 - Gary McAlley receives district attorney appointment for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court from Governor Don Siegelman; (picture) Progress continues with the Ballard Bridge project on Hwy. 134 in Coffee County; Coffee County Commission approves motion to provide \$2,000 to help ESIC finish its girls softball field; (picture) Elba Elementary's D.A.R.E. program presents giant card of thanks to Rep. Terry Spicer.

January 9 - New Brockton Town Council members discuss importance of being present at meetings with District Four seat vacant; (picture) Two-vehicle collision at intersection of Claxton Ave. and Simmons St. sends two to the hospital; New Brockton Town Council passes due process ordinance for law enforcement officers; Brundidge-Phenix City National Guard unit receives mobilization orders; Elba attorneys Jackson W. Stokes, Garth Lindsey and Robert E. Cannon honored at reception.

January 16 - City of Elba office announces it is ready to accept applications for license to sell alcoholic beverages; (picture) Elba levee rehab project continues with a major cutting of the existing levee and the lowering of a storm drain pipe behind the old Elba High gym; Coffee County officials address problems with the jail's sewage due to inmates flushing items other than paper down the toilet; Several department heads attend county commission meeting to discuss purchase order compliance; Coffee County BOE prioritizes capital fund projects for schools.

January 23 - Gary McAlley honored at ceremony upon retiring as judge to fill position as Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court District Attorney; Judge Steven Blair named Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court Judge and John Dowling receives appointment as Coffee County's new district judge; (picture) Elba Fire Department responds to a house fire at 980 Carver Drive; (picture) Mobile home fire in Kingston claims the life of 18-month-old D.J. Wise; Elba City School superintendent Danny Weeks says school system continues to pull away from the financial crisis it faced a year prior; Elba native Troy King appointed as Gov. Bob Riley's legal advisor; (picture) Citizens of New Brockton participate in annual "Walk of Remembrance" honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.; Elba Water and Electric Board votes to roll back some commercial water rate hikes from the previous year.

January 30 - Resident addresses commission at meeting and says he feels the county needs three full-time commissioners instead of seven part-time ones; (picture) An arctic blast moves through the region turning the fountain in the courtyard of the Elba Courthouse into a fountain of icicles; Rehabilitation project begins on house set to become future home of the Elba Chamber of Commerce/Elba Economic and Development office; (picture) Coffee County's 4-H Meats judging Team places first at the national contest held in Denver, Colo.

FEBRUARY

February 6 - New Brockton Town Council creates committee to design emergency management plan; (picture) Elba students Justin Allen and Jason Jarran were among those participating in the annual Groundhog Day Shadowing

program; The birthplace of former governor James E. (Big Jim) Folsom is moved to city-owned property next to the old Coffee County Jail in Elba; City of Elba schedules public hearings for the Elba Texaco Food Mart, Inc. and Friendship Package Store #2 both seeking a license to sell alcoholic beverages; (picture) The City of Elba, Elba HeadStart Center, Organized Community Action Program and Dietary Managers Association proclaim Feb. 3-7 as Pride in Food Service Week.

February 13 - Commissioner Robert Stephens named to Water Study Management team for Wiregrass; (picture) Elba residents Sammie and Jake Morrow purchase Valentine cards for their five grandchildren; Elba City Council unanimously gives final approval for a license to sell alcoholic beverages within the city limits to the Elba Texaco Food Mart Inc. and Friendship Package Store #2.

February 20 - J.B. Taylor Diagnostic Lab in Elba gets digester system through \$700,000 grant; City of Elba begins planning Sesquicentennial celebration; Local law enforcement officials make several drug busts throughout the county during the time frame of Jan. 29 - Feb. 13; Coffee County BOE approves motion to complete the Zion Chapel bail field project; (picture) Martin Luther King Drive is closed to traffic to allow work pertaining to the levee rehabilitation project.

February 27 - Elba Police Department investigates series of car burglaries which occurred in the parking lot of Elba High School while a Coffee County Arts Alliance presentation was taking place; (picture) A map represents a redistricting plan designed for the City of Elba; Elba City Council approves alcohol license for three more businesses; both Big/Little Stores and the Elba Market Place; Coffee County Commission opens bids for county's solid waste collection contract; (picture) The Mulberry District Baptist Association holds a Black History program with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. as the guest speaker.

MARCH

March 6 - Eight people arrested in Elba on drug charges; (picture) Elba Lions Club holds annual pancake breakfast; County residents encouraged to pay delinquent solid waste collection bills; New Brockton Town Council completes internal investigation of police department and says it is satisfied with improvements; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for The Diabetes Wellness Center.

March 13 - Coffee County Commission looks to collect delinquent garbage fees through whatever means necessary; Zion Chapel battlebot team gives demonstration during Coffee County BOE meeting; Elba Chamber of Commerce sponsors a Legislative Breakfast with Rep. Terry Spicer and Sen. Jimmy Holley serving as guest speakers; Elba Police officers arrest suspect after he broke into an Elba residence and held a woman at knifepoint; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for Randy's Small Motors.

March 20 - Following onslaught of rain, Elba's Pea River rises to more than 15 feet; Elba City Council approves new voting districts during meeting; Congressman Terry Everett responds to President Bush's address on Iraq saying he is in

support of the president's ultimatum to Saddam Hussein to disarm and leave Iraq or face certain military action; Alabama's quarter officially opens to circulation on Monday, March 24; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for 20020 Cafe.

May 15 - (picture) Miss Elba Anna Anderson and Junior Miss Elba Cameron Irwin measure the new width of the levee; New Brockton Town Council hears complaint of vulgarity in neighborhood; Commission votes to purchase four vehicles for sheriff's department; Brantley school receives national school improvement award; Work begins on section of Hwy. 84 from East of County Road 507 to West of Double Bridges Creek in New Brockton.

May 22 - (picture) Solemn lunary ceremony highlights Coffee County's annual Relay for Life; With budget questions still unanswered by state, Coffee County BOE forced to begin cutbacks; Elba Utility Board considers automatic meter reading equipment for all Elba water and electric meters; Elba School System planning no program cuts; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for Mr. Ho's Chinese Buffet.

May 29 - Ballard Bridge project draws closer to completion; Commission awards bid for construction of Mount Pleasant and Ino Senior Citizen centers; Congressman Terry Everett prays passage of 2004 defense authorization bill.

JUNE

June 5 - Elba City Council hears complaint of 10 percent local liquor tax charge; (picture) Elba City School personnel members help system save money by handling improvement projects such as painting walls; Coffee County BOE approves changes among personnel; Approximately 2,000 people gather at the Coffee County Farm Center to see horse whisperer; Coffee County Commissioner Kayo Lewis dies at age 71; (picture) Elba Senior Girl Scouts decorate the Pea River Bridge with yellow ribbons.

June 12 - Economic development announcement continued for June 19 in Elba; (picture) Two-vehicle collision at intersection of Hwy. 87 and the 203 Bypass in Elba sends one to the hospital; Elba City Council adopts Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation draft plan; Congressman Terry Everett announces \$886,500 grant for deep water well and elevated storage tank to serve Elba industry; Coffee County BOE holds personnel hearing at request of Earl Campbell; Termination of police chief discussed in executive session of New Brockton Town Council meeting.

June 19 - Local law enforcement continues to make drug arrests during time span of May 7 - June 13; Elba prepares for new industry announcement; (picture) Vehicle overturns on Stoudemire Street and driver escapes without injury; Coffee County Sheriff's Department seeks help in solving criminal mischief crimes in Zion Chapel community; Elba receives \$95,325 grant to extend sewer system to serve Kelley Foods Inc.; Elba native Art Williams ties music, education and children's television together with "Music Expressions" curriculum.

June 26 - Toledo Molding and Die Inc. (TMD), a Ohio-based automotive supplier, chooses Elba as home for new facility; Jesse Lewis accepts governor's appointment to fill her late husband's commission

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SEPTEMBER

September 4 - Sunday morning fire destroys old Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church; Marion Brunson named Elba's Sesquicentennial King and Lois English named Sesquicentennial Queen; Local bed and breakfast undergoes revitalization; (picture) Elba Fire Department responds to a barn fire in the Riverview Subdivision.

September 11 - Coffee County says no to Amendment One; (picture) Elba Fire Department responds to a house fire at 2420 Taylor Mill Road; Fire disables Coffee Baking Company but owners quickly begin working towards reopening; (picture) A section of both the Troy Highway and Martin Luther King Dr. were closed to make way for continued levee work.

September 18 - Residents encouraged to report suspicious activity as officials investigate fires; (picture) Elba Fire Department responds to a house fire on County Road 404; Kent Reynolds becomes Coffee County's new D.A.R.E. officer; Elba resident, Icydene Askew, is named 2003 Alabama Worker of the Year by Dickie Workwear Company; (picture) Officers investigate a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy. 189 and the 203 bypass in Elba.

September 25 - Elba City Council balks but then passes budget for coming fiscal year; (picture) Cousins Millicent Nolin and Caitlin Bradshaw enjoy Friday Night Football at Elba's Tiger Stadium; Boyd Hartzog sworn in as new chief of police for the Town of New Brockton.

OCTOBER

October 2 - Moseley's Studios named 2003 Chamber Business of the Year at the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce banquet; Elba levee rehab project brings more road changes; \$5 utility check-off fee continues to help Elba Schools; (picture) Elba Chamber of Commerce holds ribbon cutting for The Old South Inn bed and breakfast.

October 9 - Elba's new diagnostic lab project gets green light; (picture) Two-vehicle collision at intersection of Claxton and Whitman avenues sends two to the hospital; Swearing-in ceremony held for Coffee County Board of Registrar members; Coffee County's youth get up close and personal with animals during 2003 Farm City Week Petting Zoo; Elba resident Olean Smith proud to be involved with Habitat for Humanity.

October 16 - (picture) Elba holds Sesquicentennial festival on the square despite rain; Brick disagreement for Mount Pleasant Senior Citizen Center takes center stage during commission meeting.

October 23 - Elba Criminal Jury term of court held; (picture) Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

The confirmed Mad Cow case in the state of Washington is scary. Americans had a "not here" attitude after the massive outbreak in England, but can no longer think like that. While we salute the regulations that led to discovering this one mad cow, our mind is filled with a lot of questions. The main one is why would they send a cow on through the food chain if there was a chance it was sick? Why didn't they put that beef aside until the tests were completed? Of course the experts in the meat packing industry will probably say they couldn't afford it, etc. but ah ha... they can afford to recall and throw away thousands of pounds of perfectly good beef, hoping to be sure they got the tainted meat. Which would be cheaper (and the right thing to do)?

Today we are full of questions. The Dothan police situation should raise a whole bunch of red flags. A long time officer resigns after allegations of sending unsigned letters to several, accusing his bosses of some type of wrongdoing. Then County Commission Chairman Mark Culver's bid to be city manager of Dothan was sidetracked after it was learned he cooperated with the police chief and allowed a tap be placed on his telephone. Now this is something a newspaper doesn't need to do unless it is a very serious situation, but a public official who doesn't cooperate with law officials in carrying out their assigned duties should be the one replaced, not the man who helps the police!

Fast food companies are running scared over a sprinkling of lawsuits claiming the company is responsible for a person being obese. Already there are efforts toward informing the public exactly how much fat is in a particular burger, etc., and there are signs that this procedure will find its way in the lawbooks. It is amazing that we consider this something to have a law on because it is bad for our health yet we wouldn't even think of banning cigarettes, making motor bike riders in Florida wear helmets "unless they want to," etc. The list goes on and on... it must be that this is politically correct right now. We are personally overweight but know why. It is a simple matter of eating entirely too much food and still following something taught to us as a child - "cleaning our plate." Yet we don't blame anyone but ourselves for that... no one forces us to take all that food.

Our Christmas was great! We spent it with our three children, their spouses... and of course the grandchildren. You know the ones we are talking about... those darlings, the beautiful, well-mannered geniuses. The downside of the day was that the grandchildren had a virus and didn't feel good at all. The baby just wouldn't sleep, unless he was in someone's arms and of course granddaddy was more than willing to comply. We got in a bunch of quality time and it gave mom and dad a much needed break. It is so terrible to see a child that is sick and doesn't understand what is going on, but all humans are going to get a cold at one time or another. The bright side is that it wasn't the ol' flu bug.

There is a lot of talk and writing about computer viruses. However these ip off artists are potentially more dangerous. During the weekend we were hit with... first one e-mail about our "winning a prize", which we promptly trashed. Then we got a barrage of the same one. Apparently they were sent out all over the world. Sunday alone, there were 28 of them! Monday the number was higher, and growing. Some were from folks all around the world trying to stop the e-mails from their in-box. Apparently if someone responds, it again goes out (again) to everyone on the original list. Research by a smart guy in England shows this is a scam to get you to call a high cost phone number (in Spain), or some other European country.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, investigated the following incidents: two for burglary, two for theft of property, one trespassing; one found property, three for criminal mischief, one accidental shooting, one attempted suicide, one harassment, one harassing communications, and two for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for failure to appear and one for receiving stolen property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: **MONDAY, DEC. 22** - River stage - 6.13 feet (6:29 a.m.); Breaking and entering (not in progress), reported at 752 Pine Dale (8:44 a.m.); Routine activity.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23 - River stage - 5.96 feet (6:08 a.m.); Minor wreck reported in the Hardee's parking lot (9:07 a.m.); Routine activity.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 - River stage - 6.66 feet (6:15 a.m.); Assault (not in progress), reported at 1119 Guyton St. (10:00 p.m.).

THURSDAY, DEC. 25 - River stage - 7.59 feet (6:03 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 1549 Powell Circle (4:40 p.m.).

FRIDAY, DEC. 26 - River stage - 7.29 feet (6:14 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1006 Elm Ave. (9:40 a.m.); Accidental shooting reported at 1006 Elm Ave. (9:40 a.m.).

SATURDAY, DEC. 27 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 20731 Hwy 87 N. (12:35 a.m.); River stage - 7.88 feet (6:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 472 Claxton Ave. (1:43 p.m.).

SUNDAY, DEC. 28 - Disturbance reported at 619 Mullins Circle (1:45 a.m.); River stage - 6.48 feet (6:16 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 935 Payne St. (10:35 p.m.).

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YEAR

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Julian Bryan Taylor Diagnostic Laboratory building, Kinston's Madison Weeks crowned Little Miss National Peanut Festival; (picture) Truck carrying approximately 7,000 chickens overruns on Coffee County Rd. 239 near Woodland Grove community.

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November 6 - Coffee County Commission addresses by several citizens with differing requests; (picture) The Elba Chamber of Commerce begins the holiday season with "Pumpkins on the Square" to allow local youth an opportunity to trick-or-treat; Agriculture and industry come together for Farm City Swap; New Brockton Town Council temporarily changes monthly meeting date; (picture) Members of the Elba Fire Department oversee the fire

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• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. - 2nd Mon. 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. - Club House
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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Pastor's Corner

John Baxter

Elba United Methodist Church

Who are you praying for?

After a church service, a woman stormed up to the minister "Pastor Smith," she cried, "I pray every day and god never gives me what I ask for!"

The minister patted her hand and said, "perhaps you need to think beyond yourself. Start praying for other people instead."

"I'll try that," the woman agreed.

While she was driving home from church she prayed: "Lord, bless our closest neighbors, the Andersons. Give them a millionaire living next door."

The McKameys to be in concert January 15th at Country Cathedral

The McKameys will be in Cathedral is located on Hwy 84 concert at Country Cathedral about 5 miles east of Opp, Ala. Assembly of God on January. Everyone is invited to attend. 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Country

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What are your financial resolutions this year?

Angela G. Hughes
County Extension Agent

This month as you think of things to include on your list of New Year's resolutions, you might also consider how to improve your financial situation.

Making financial progress without clearly defined goals is like taking a trip without any destination in mind. If you're planning to improve your financial situation this year, there are several steps you should follow.

First, you should understand that by setting and achieving financial goals you're taking control of your life.

You should first get a clear picture of your financial goals by fantasizing. This will help you focus on the things you really want. A picture out of a magazine or newspaper that will help you better focus on your goals. Attach this picture to a bathroom mirror or kitchen

refrigerator to serve as a constant reminder of the goals you've set.

You should write down your goals. Research has shown that your chances of achieving your goals increase if you first write them down.

You should also state financial goals that are specific, measurable and observable. For example, one of your goals may be "I will have X amount of money set aside for vacation this year," or "I will have X amount of money available each month to pay for my auto insurance."

Set a realistic goal that is stated positively and backed by a specific plan of action. Break your goals into small chunks so that you can easily and frequently check your progress.

Finally, try to make goals without including savings in your plans is like taking a trip in your car without a spare tire you're just asking for trouble.

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

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Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-24

***Thinking of you, praying for you, Maggie Head, Carolyn Lawrence, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr. The Cross, Marshall, Daniels, and Caldwell families, Kary N. Horstead, Patricia Chatman, Rev. Charles Lane, Faye Manning, Marie Tillis, Rev. John Grayer, Rev. Roderick Rideaux, Paul Bailey, Joe Bailey, Chase Graham, Ann Crawley and Marnie Belcher.

***Mr. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church will hold Men's and Women Day on January 18, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The guest minister will be Rev. J.G. Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church will hold a Mortgage Burning Service on January 11, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ben Matthews, pastor of Beulah Missionary Baptist Church.

Mission Mindful Women Conference will be held at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church on January 3, 2004 (Tarentum Community) Brundidge, Ala. The speaker will be Pamela Mitchell.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. **Ordination Services for Cedric Williams as a deacon of Antioch Baptist Church, Rose Hill, Ala. will be held January 14, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. John M. Bryant.

Christmas Dinner December 25, 2003 and

December 27, 2003, Christmas dinner was served in the homes of Myron and Maria Duncan and Eria Lindsey Belcher of Elba. Those attending were: Milton Belcher, Betty Belcher, and Ki Ki Belcher of Montgomery, Ala. Barbara Smith and Quinton Khal Powell of Charlottesville, Va. Onis Johnson, Rev. Joyce Johnson, Tusculum, Ala. Kathy Johnson, Morrow, Ga. Minister Robert Edwards, Opp, Ala. Warren Belcher, Montgomery, Ala. Mike Smith, Kentucky. Wiley Brooks, Jamaica, De'Nard and Ree'Nita, Enterprise, Ala. Melissa Kelly, Alabama State University, Montgomery, Ala. Alan Belcher, Ernestine Kelley, Wesley Curtis, Jana, Tiffany, Lydia, Brandon, Rell, Caleb, Marcus, and Tony, Tonya Smith, Connie Moody, Tyrone Kelley, Margo, Winston and Terrance, Braxton Kelley, Lacy Nunn, Jason and Mason Guiley, La Ray Williams, Harold Williams, Michael Manning, Evelyn and Lynsey, Steven and Justion Knight, Minister Ronnie Russell and Kimberly, Myron and Maria and Eria Lindsey Belcher and Gregory Scott Kelley, Charlottesville, Va.

***From my house to your house, Happy New Year! God Bless.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Eria

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

DARYL D. BURKS

Navy Fireman Daryl D. Burks, son of Kathy Lockett of Elba, AL, and his fellow sailors welcomed Maj. Gen. Graham Lamb aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise in the Arabian Gulf Nov. 27.

Lamb, 3rd United Kingdom Division Commander and head of coalition forces in southeast Iraq, visited Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va., to discuss cooperation between U.S. and coalition forces and to get a

first-hand look at carrier operations.

Lamb commended Burks, along with the 5,000 other sailors aboard Enterprise for providing much needed support to ground troops in Iraq.

Ship provides close air support to ground units in Iraq as part of the Navy's 5th Fleet. Burks is a 2002 graduate of Elba High School of Elba, Ala. and joined the Navy in July 2002.

Revival planned at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

A revival will begin at Vanderbilt Holiness on Sunday, Dec. 28, beginning at 5 p.m., with Bro. Larry Wilson from Kentucky as guest speaker. Other nightly services will begin at 7 o'clock.

Also the church will observe a special Watch Night Service on Dec. 31, 7 p.m. until. Featured groups will be The Steady

Standers and The Singing Miracles, as well as other musicians.

The church is located on Coffee County Road 14, about one mile north of Wayne Farms/Southland. Pastor is Roy Turner.

Everyone is invited. For more information call 897-3778.

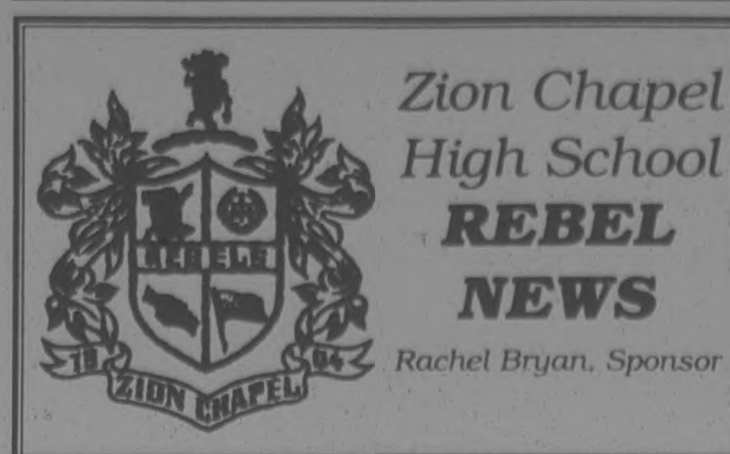
Coffee County Schools Menu January 7-9, 2003

BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Monday	Student Holiday	Monday	Student Holiday
Tuesday	Student Holiday	Tuesday	Student Holiday
Wednesday	Not Available	Wednesday	Chicken Nuggets, Burrito, Creamed Potatoes, Butter Beans, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Thursday	Not Available	Thursday	Vegetable Beef Soup, Half PJ Sandwich, Steak Nuggets, Hashbrowns, Corn on Cob, Crackers, Fruit, Milk
Friday	Not Available	Friday	Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Bar-B-Q Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Fruit, Milk

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Students compete in spelling bee



Caleb Walden



Kayla Hurd

Caleb Walden, fourth grader, won the elementary spelling bee. Second place was won by Kayla Hurd who is in the fifth grade.

Middle school first-place winner was Chelsey Freeman. John Paul Maddox won second place. Chelsey is a seventh grader and John Paul is in the eighth grade.

These winners will compete again on Jan. 22 at the county level. This contest will be held at the administrative offices of the Coffee County Board of Education. The "Bee" will begin at 1 p.m.



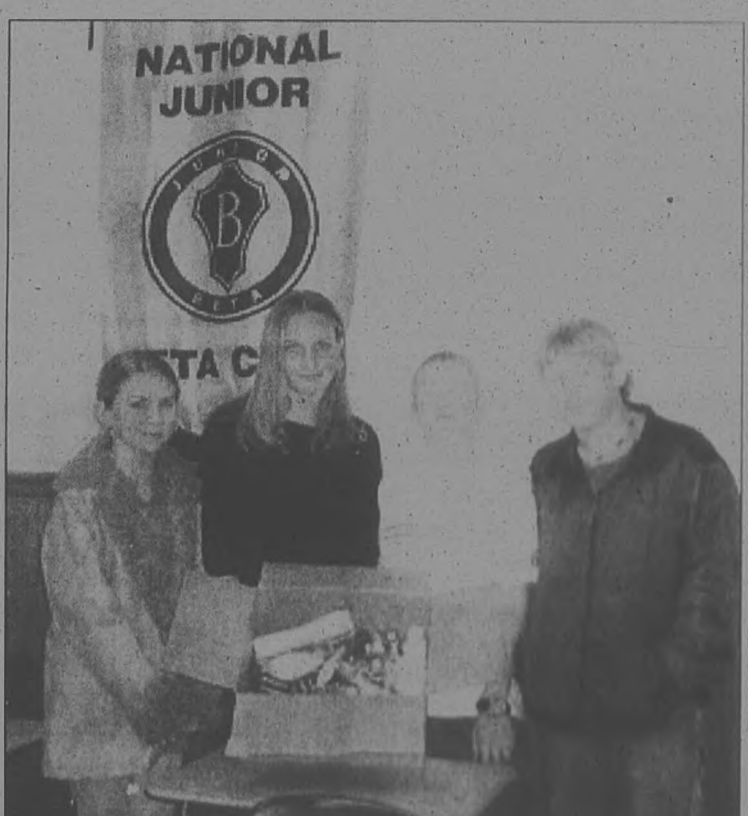
Middle School SGA completes Christmas project

Government Association (SGA) at Zion Chapel. Sixth and Seventh graders make up the

members of the SGA. Their sponsor, Mrs. Sharon Sasser, contacted the Salvation Army and was supplied with the names of four children whose Christmas could be made brighter. In addition to the children's names they were given ages and sizes. Members of the SGA wanted to buy age-appropriate gifts and clothes that fit.

14 members of the SGA, as well as Mrs. Sasser, each bought a gift. This meant each of the four children, three girls and one boy, were surprised with four gifts each.

All the members of the SGA were not available at the time the picture was made because they were taking nine weeks exams. Those who were available and are pictured with the stack of gifts are Lance Walden, Becca Hodge, Nicole Napper, Garrett Stinson, Hayden Gibson, Chelsey Freeman and Leana Vinson.



Kristen Collins, Amber Grissett, Tracie Long and Cory Carter show off the box of supplies that were purchased to send overseas. In the background can be seen the official symbol of the Junior Beta Club.

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Middle school math students motivated by pirates and pizza

Mrs. Jane Coale teaches math in the Middle School at Zion Chapel.

As a motivation for mastering math competencies she is the host for a pizza party. Mrs. Coale also has a class theme this year. The theme is based on the movie "Pirates of the Caribbean." Each month pirates from each homeroom are recognized based on grades and good citizenship.

Pirates for August were Tanner Grant, Nicole Mauldin, Nicole Napper, Hayden Gibson, Erika Mount and Lance Walden. Pirates for September were Logan Levereite, Heather Hines, Nicole Napper, Dillon



Pirates have included: Lance Walden, Nicole Mauldin, Tanner Grant, Alexis Messina, Garrett Stinson, Erika Mount, Logan Levereite, Nicole Napper and Hayden Gibson.

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Roberts, Alexis Messina and Garrett Stinson. October pirates were Aaron Grant, Brittany Simmons, Josh Richards, Nicole Holloway, Dillon Davis and Beth Long. November pirates were Landon Peters, Becca Hodge, Lay-La Hussey, Nathaniel Cox, Jasmine Bell and Henry Haynes. In order to be invited to the pizza party, a student has to master 100 objectives in their accelerated math course. This nine weeks there were approximately 20 students who mastered a minimum of 100 objectives, and they had pizza delivered from the ZC Express.



Mrs. Jane Coale serves pizza to hungry - but smart - students.



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FBLA conducts second part of Loving and Literacy project

During December, the members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) held the second part of their "Loving and Literacy" project. Loving and Literacy is the Alabama FBLA Make a

Difference Project. The focus of Zion Chapel's project is multiplication competency. 18 fifth graders participated in the Math Bingo. Eight of them won prizes that included girls' makeup, model cars and a remote control airplane. All participants were given a prize bag that included candy and some small gift items. Another FBLA activity for the month of December was a fund



Math Bingo participants included: Hayden Ellis, Justin McWaters, Amelia Pettry, Lee Gideon, Sarah Allen, Faith Ketcham, Christa Rushing, Chris Nelson, Melanie Miller, Will Bedsole, Nikki Fuller, Christie Green, Kevin Little, Blake Walden, Brandon Liptrio and Logan Berry.

Reminder:
Coffee County Schools' Students
Return to School
Wednesday,
Jan. 7th!

Senior Beta club holds Christmas party for several special guests

Santa picked some especially wonderful people to attend a Christmas party hosted by the members of the Senior Beta Club.

These guests not only got to enjoy refreshments, but Santa left some presents for them.



The Beta had about 14 guests at their party from the Zion Chapel Elementary School. Santa helped the Betas purchase the presents and get together the snacks served for refreshments. When one Beta was asked about the party, he said, "It was a wonderful experience, and I began to feel the Christmas spirit and feel the joy of the holiday season by helping others." Mrs. Alicia Odom is the Beta Club sponsor.

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What are you doing for New Years?

by Katie Driggers

It's that time again! I can hardly believe it is time for another new year. So asked several students here at Elba High School how they were bringing in the New Year.

Benjamin Dye - shooting fireworks with my number one lady Casey Medlock - staying up late and watching the ball drop in New York

Kirby Gray - visit my family in New Orleans

Natasha Brooks - going to a party

Corlin Lee - spending time with my friends

Timothy Jackson - throwing bottle rockets in people's gutters

Patrick Tyson - spend time with my family and friends, shoot fireworks, and drink Sprite

Blake Qualls - shooting fireworks at cars with my friend Will

Tatiana Parker - eating Bar-B-Que while watching the ball drop in New York

Erica Daniels - going to church

Griffin Cash - shooting fireworks at my grandmother's house with my cousins

Bradley Wilson - going hunting

Maiese Thomas - staying up until one o'clock and shooting fireworks

Stephanie Baxley - sleeping

Crystal Bradshaw - try to forget what I did this year

NEW YEAR Greetings

Co-Op Spotlight

by Jessica Danford

This week's Co-Op Spotlight goes to Miss Natasha Brooks.

Natasha is the 17-year-old daughter of Comer Ray and Denise Brooks, and she is currently employed at Dorsey Trailers of Elba.

While she is in school, Natasha is involved in VICA, Senior Beta and Mu Alpha Theta. In her spare time, she loves to shop, spend time with her friends and family, going to the movies and whatever else she can get into!

Great job Natasha, and keep up the good work!

EOCC News

Enterprise-Ozark Community College offers a new special interest course, Making the Most of Your Digital Camera, which is designed for anyone who knows that their digital camera can do lots of "stuff" but is not exactly sure how to make it do just that. Bring your camera to the first class.

There will be a \$25.00 fee for the class that will meet on Mondays, January 26-February 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m., from The registration deadline is January 19.

For more information, call 347-2623, ext. 2234.

Students encouraged to file early for financial aid

Students wanting college financial aid for the 2004-05 school year should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

The FAFSA is the standard application for most college and trade school financial aid programs, including federal, state and school aid. These funds are limited, and those who apply early have the best chance of receiving all the student aid for which they qualify.

The best way to apply is online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. By filing online, students will get their results seven to 14 days faster than if they file by mail. Plus, because answers are edited automatically, students will

make fewer mistakes and schools will be able to tell them sooner if they qualify for aid.

Students who plan to file electronically should apply now for a Personal Identification Number (PIN). With a PIN, students will not have to mail a signature page, so the FAFSA will be processed even more quickly. To apply for a PIN, visit www.ed.pin.gov.

Students can also file a paper FAFSA, available at college or trade school financial aid offices

and high school guidance offices. To complete a FAFSA, parents and students will need the same information they will use on their 2003 federal tax return.

For more information about student financial aid, visit www.alstudentaid.com; write the Alabama Student Loan Program, 110 North Union Street, Suite 308, Montgomery, AL 36104-3761; or phone 334-265-9720 or toll-free (800) 721-9720.

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Differing New Year's traditions are celebrated across the world

by Christy Eubanks

On New Year's Eve, many people hold parties which last until late into the night. It is traditional to greet the New Year at midnight and celebrate the first minutes of the year in the company of friends and family.

People may dance, sing, and drink a toast to the year ahead. Typical activities for New Year's Day are parties, dances, and of course watching parades and football games. After the celebrations, it is time to make New Year resolutions, and these are a list of decisions about how to live in the coming year. Horns are blown at midnight, and people hug and kiss to begin the New Year with much love and happiness.

Not all countries celebrate New Year at the same time, or in the same way. This is because people in different parts of the world use different calendars. Long ago, people divided time into days, months, and years. Some calendars are based on the movement of the moon; others are based on the position of the sun, while others are based on both the sun and the moon. All over the world, there are special beliefs about New Year.

In ancient Egypt, New Year was celebrated at the time the River Nile flooded, which was

the end of September. The flooding of the Nile was very important because without it, the people would not have been able to grow crops in the dry desert.

At New Year, statues of the god, Amon, his wife and son were taken up the Nile by boat. Singing, dancing, and feasting was done for a month, and then the statues were taken back to the temple.

For a long time the Romans celebrated New Year on the first of March. Then, in 46 BC, the Emperor Julius Caesar began a new calendar. It was the calendar that we still use today, and thus the New Year date was changed to the first day of January.

January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one.

The Roman New Year festival was called the *Calends*, and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts. Slaves and their masters ate and drank together, and people could do what they wanted to for a few days.

In Vietnam, the New Year is called *Tet Nguyen Dan* or *Tet* for short. It begins between January 21 and February 19, and the

exact day changes from year to year. They believe that there is a god in every home, and at the New Year this god travels to heaven. There he will say how good or bad each member of the family has been in the past year.

They used to believe that the god traveled on the back of a fish called a carp, and today, they sometimes buy a live carp, and then let it go free in a river or pond. They also believe that the first person to enter their house at New Year will bring either good or bad luck.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated some time between January 17 and February 19, at the time of the new moon, and it is called *Yuan Tan*. Chinese people

all over the world celebrate it, and street processions are an exciting part of their New Year. The Festival of Lanterns is the street processions, and thousands of lanterns are used to light the way for the New Year.

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SPORTS

Views from...

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our girls have always had more than one stocking hanging over the fireplace for Christmas and over the years they have insisted that all the stockings needed to be filled before they awoke on Christmas morning. This year only the stockings in the room with the Christmas tree were filled by Santa, but they had two spics and one was filled with candy while the other had small items that they could use in the days and weeks to come. The fact they had another stocking hanging over the fireplace in the living room that was left empty didn't seem to phase them at all, but before the day ended they were fussing about each other getting candy out of the wrong stockings. Oh well, some things never change.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The high school basketball season will swing back into action this week and Elba High fans are hoping that both the Tigers and Lady Tigers will get on a roll and start to pile up wins. The Tigers won five of their final seven games before the holiday break, including a big win over Andalusia and a key area win over Straughn, but must still develop a personality on offense and begin to score more points if they hope to stay above the .500 mark. The Tigers play as hard on defense as any team in the area and are cat quick, but seem to always hesitate before shooting the ball and at times it looks like they are afraid to just square up and take a shot. If the Tigers can gain some confidence on the offensive end of the court they could do big things over the coming weeks. The Lady Tigers closed the pre-holiday portion of the schedule with three straight wins and claimed the championship of the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament, and have to be looking forward to getting back on the court. The Elba girls got off to an 0-3 start and appeared headed for a tough season, but the Lady Tigers just kept working and in their final four games began to look like a team that had finally figured out it could win. A narrow loss to highly-ranked Straughn gave a hint better things were coming, and in the Zion Chapel tournament a win over IA power Arion let everyone know the Lady Tigers were ready to go. There is still a lot of basketball left this season and anything can happen, but Elba fans should get ready to watch their two varsity teams hit the court and the guess here is that many more wins are on the way.

*** The field looked great and the announcers bragged about the stadium and the facilities at Troy State throughout the game, but the fact a crowd that would not have made high school officials proud had to put a real damper on last week's Blue-Gray Football Classic. The bleachers were almost empty when the game kicked off and by the time the game ended there were barely enough fans for the cameraman to find. Game officials had hoped that by moving the game to the afternoon on Christmas day the area fans would have time to open presents and eat lunch, then head out to the game and watch some of the top college players from across the nation take the field. As it turned out, even the fact players from Troy State, Alabama State and Alabama were on the South roster made little difference to the fans, who either stayed home and watched the game on TV, or simply didn't care about the game. The Montgomery sportswriters are already calling for the game to move back to its original site and claim the larger population base in Montgomery will at least put a few more folks in the stands. That may be true, but All-Star games are rarely a big fan draw and maybe it is time for the Montgomery Lions Club to sell the game to another city and just enjoy their one time pay off.

*** Two of the top high school basketball tournaments in the state are held in the area each year after Christmas and this year was no difference as a total of 16 teams converged at both Dothan and Red Level to get in some extra time on the court during the holidays. The Dothan event has long been one of the top tournaments in the state and pours the proceeds back to the teams taking part, with last year's final four teams getting almost \$4,000 each. The tourney included sixteen boys teams and was spread out over six nights, with big crowds jammed into the Civic Center each night to watch the teams in action. Down in Red Level a total of eight boys teams and eight girls teams took part in the annual event, and the unique thing about the tournament was that all sixteen teams played three games over the three-day event. Coaches want to win every time they take the court, but during the holidays they also want to play, and the Red Level tournament gives all the teams the chance to do both. If you are a high school basketball fan and you didn't make it to one of the tournaments, make plans now to attend one, or both next season.

*** Now that the coaching situation at Auburn has been put to rest for at least a few months the only thing its fans can worry about is whether Cadillac Williams will head to the NFL. The Auburn running back has refused to answer the question over the past few weeks and his said he will wait and sit down with the coaches after the bowl game and then make a decision. I could be wrong, but I believe that many of the college players that go to the NFL early head out not only because they think they can get rich, but because they are having troubles in class and are tired of school. The rumor was that one of the Alabama players that declared for the NFL would have been academically ineligible any way, so why not give the NFL a shot? As for Cadillac, I don't think he will be an impact player in the NFL whether he heads out this year or waits until after his senior year. However, his future is in his hands and Auburn fans will find out very soon what those plans are.

*** Many Alabama football fans are still upset about Coach Mike Shula not making some immediate changes to his coaching staff after the Tide's 4-9 season, but the Tide fans need to chill out and realize that making changes during the recruiting season is not a good thing to do. The players need to get close with the coaches that are recruiting them and even a hint of a change could lead to a player heading somewhere else. I agree that the Tide must make changes if things are to get any better and the biggest change is the Athletic Director, but whether we like it or not we don't make the decisions and must sit back and hope the powers to be do what is best for the program.

*** In closing...A new year will begin this week and as always that means new hope for a lot of people that struggled to survive the one that just ended. We always look ahead with anticipation and often look back with despair, but it seems like over the years we seem to call those years that have come and gone the "good 'ole days." I too hope that 2004 will be better in many ways for me and my loved ones, and share that hope with you. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Jerry W. Huggins, aka Jerry's, have made application to the City of Elba for a 020-Restaurant Retail Liquor on premises consumption at this location, 999 Hwy. 203, Elba, Alabama. A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall at 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 12, 2004.

By The Montgomery Advertiser

Elba's Jessie Thigpen named All-State

The Montgomery Advertiser announced its annual "All-State" high school football teams last week in all six classifications and named to the honored list in Class 3A was Elba Tiger defensive tackle Jessie Thigpen.

Thigpen, a 6-2, 262-pound, junior, anchored the Tigers' defensive front throughout the 2003 season and recorded 59 tackles and 21 assists, with 11 tackles for losses and 5 quarter-back sacks.

"Jessie really stepped up for us this season," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and he became a leader by example both on the field and at practice. He was the strongest player on the team and only needed experience and the desire to excel to become a dominating player. He got better and better as the season went along and had his best games against our biggest opponents. Jessie can be as good as he wants to be, and maybe this honor will push him to work even harder and make him an even better player next season. I am proud of Jessie for receiving the honor and feel he very deserving of being an All-State selection."

Other area players named to the All-State lists included:

CLASS 1A
Jamal Jones (LB) Brantley 5-10, 175 Senior
Delante Harris (DL) Brantley 6-1, 180 Senior
Marquis Coachman (DL) Cottonwood 6-2, 185 Junior

CLASS 2A
Larry Hudson (RB) Red Level 5-11, 182 Senior
Chester Adams (OL) Luverne 6-5, 315 Senior
Hamp Smith (OL) Slocomb 6-2, 215 Senior

Jeremy Robinson (ATH) Highland Home 5-10, 170 Senior
Marco Rogers (DB) Luverne 6-0, 185 Senior
James Norman (DL) Luverne 6-1, 220 Senior

Anthony Douglas (DL) Eufaula 6-4, 220 Senior
Josh Post (P) C.H.H.S. 5-11, 190 Senior
Dustin Parkman (TE) Houston Acad. 5-11, 195 Senior

Alex Burkett (PK) Houston Acad. 5-10, 165 Junior
Mike DuBose (Coach of Year) Luverne
CLASS 3A
Chris Nickson (QB) Pike Co. 6-4, 190 Senior
Alphonso Gross (RB) W.S. Neal 5-9, 185 Senior
Elijah Daniel (WR) Pike Co. 5-11, 175 Senior
Trent Davidson (TE) T.R. Miller 6-5, 245 Senior

B.J. Stabler (OL) Clarke Co. 6-5, 290 Senior
Anterio Rodgers (OL) Pike Co. 6-3, 278 Senior
Demetrius Freyer (OL) T.R. Miller 6-2, 215 Senior
Nick Walker (ATH) Pike Co. 6-4, 240 Senior
Marco Daniel (DB) W.S. Neal 5-11, 180 Soph.

Brent Nall (LB) Straughn 6-2, 225 Senior
Jessie Thigpen (DL) Elba 6-2, 262 Junior
CLASS 4A
Seth Eubanks (OL) Ashford 5-11, 240 Senior

CLASS 5A
Reggie Johnson (OL) Greenville 6-1, 265 Senior
Anthony Douglas (DL) Eufaula 6-4, 220 Senior
Josh Post (P) C.H.H.S. 5-11, 192

HONORABLE MENTION
Class 1A - Devaris Skanes, Brantley; Marcel Stamps, Brantley; Cedric Jones, Brantley; A.J. Thompson, Florio
Class 2A - Letonio Johnson, Georgiana; Tony Meriweather, H.Home; Randall Hunt, Red Level; Eric Whitlow, Houston Acad.; Randy Howard, Red



Jessie Thigpen

Level: Tyler Simmons, New Brockton
Class 3A - Brad Lannom, T.R. Miller; Michael Hobbs, Straughn; Chris Bell, Pike Co.; Antonio Gomez, T.R. Miller; Chris Johnson, W.S. Neal; Antonio Kelley, Pike Co.; Al Freney, Straughn; Bobby McVay, Straughn

Class 4A - Michael Dutton, Andalusia; Brandon Thompson, Rehobeth
Class 5A - Jason Smiley, CHHS; James Carter, Eufaula; Patrick Brooks, CHHS; Rod Owens, Greenville; Willie Sadduth, CHHS
AISA - Keith Fowler, ACA



LADY TIGER CELEBRATION... Players and fans hit the court recently to help celebrate the Elba Lady Tigers championship of the Zion Chapel Christmas Tournament. The Lady Tigers defeated Kinston and Arion to claim the tourney title, and will return to action Monday night when they return to Zion Chapel to meet the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels.

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CITY OF ELBA VOTING DISTRICTS AS GOVERNED BY 2000 CENSUS

ORDINANCE NO. 120903
AN ORDINANCE TO
ADOPT THE REDISTRICT
PLAN
FOR VOTING WITHIN THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE CITY OF ELBA

WHEREAS, the 2000 census report by block count indicated sufficient change in population distribution within the corporate limits of the City of Elba, Alabama to justify require consideration of changes of the five districts as established; and
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held March 4, 2003 and no one appeared to make public comment; and
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama in Resolution number 031003, adopted the redistricting plan for the City of Elba, Alabama, as the redistricting plan to be submitted under Section 5, Voting Rights Act to the Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC; and
WHEREAS, the notice was published in the Elba Clipper advising the public that the submission package would be available for review from July 17, 2003 to July 31, 2003, at the Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama and that comments were to be delivered or mailed to the office of the Mayor sent to the Chief Voting Section Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, P.O. Box 68128, Washington, DC, 20035-6128; and
WHEREAS, no written comments were received regarding the submission package to the Department of Justice; and
WHEREAS, the proposed plan was submitted to the United States Department of Justice for pre-clearance pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, 42USC 1973; and
WHEREAS, the Attorney General did not interpose any objection to the proposed change, the City Council now desires to adopt by Ordinance and publish the approved districts and related population distributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Elba as follows:

SECTION 1: The redistricting plan, as approved by the United States Department of Justice, is hereby adopted as the City of Elba Voting District Plan as set out within this Ordinance.

SECTION 2: The City of Elba is divided into five voting districts with the geographical areas of each district shown on the City of Elba Voting District Map, which said map is made a part of, and referenced thereto as set out in full herein.



District 1
White 704
Black 71
Other 37
Total 812

District 2
White 322
Black 322
Other 0
Total 644

District 3
White 430
Black 390
Other 23
Total 843

District 4
White 442
Black 388
Other 5
Total 835

SECTION 5: The records for the redistricting of the City of

Elba are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

SECTION 6: The provisions of this Ordinance are separable. All ordinances and resolutions thereof in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent in conflict, hereby repealed.

Duly passed and adopted this 16th day of December, 2003 by a vote of six in favor, none opposed and none abstained.

James Grimes
Mayor

Council person: L.M. Burch
Council person: David Bandstra
Council person: H.H. Culver
Council person: Harold Spicer
Council person: Ronnie Hammond

ATTEST:
Wayne Grantham - City Clerk
12-25-1-10ng

LEGAL NOTICES

All Elba Clipper legal notices are posted on the internet at <http://www.alabamalegals.com/main> for no extra charge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF OLIVIA H. DANIELS, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC 2003-79

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of December, 2003 Gloria Maloy filed her sworn Petition for Probate of Will together with an attached instrument purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Olivia H. Daniels.

This case is scheduled for hearing in the Coffee County Probate Court, Elba Division, on the 8th day of January, 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

DONE AND ORDERED this 15th day of December, 2003.

/s/ WILLIAM O. GAMMILL
Probate Judge
12-18,25-1-10ng

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CLINTON STRICKLAND, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC 2003-81

NOTICE OF GRANTING OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of December, 2003, by the Honorable William O. Gammill, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

RICKY STRICKLAND
/s/ Personal Representative
12-18,25-1-10ng

ORDINANCE DECLARING REAL ESTATE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR

Alabama public corporation, for use in the recruitment and development of industry and business, specifically Toledo Molding & Die Corporation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003 by a vote of six in favor and none opposed none abstained.

ATTEST:
N. Wayne Grantham
City Clerk
12/25, 1/1 chg.

RESOLUTION NO. 120903
WHEREAS, The City of Elba, Alabama is hereby making known its intention to apply to the State of Alabama for a FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant Float Loan for industrial development under the provisions set forth in Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and
WHEREAS, this legislative body of Elba, Alabama, recognizes James E. Grimes, Mayor of the City of Elba, Alabama, as the appropriate official authorized to act on behalf of the City in such dealings; and
WHEREAS, this body acknowledges that the Mayor's signature shall be binding upon Elba, Alabama, in such matters; therefore,
THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that this legislative body of Elba, Alabama, hereby authorizes Mayor James E. Grimes, or his successor, to act as the appropriate City Official on behalf of Elba, Alabama, in dealings with the State of Alabama, to sign any and all necessary forms for the CDBG float loan application as well as any necessary contracts and other agreements between Elba, Alabama, and the State of Alabama.

ADOPTED THIS 9 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2003.

James E. Grimes, Mayor
H.H. Culver, Council Member
David Bandstra, Council Member
Ronnie Hammond, Council

Member
L.M. Burch, Council Member
Harold Spicer, Council Member
Wayne Grantham, City Clerk
12/25, 1/1 chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF REXTON LADON CAMPBELL, DECEASED.

CASE NO. PC-03-83

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to ALLISON MCNEESE, on the 16th day of December, 2003, by Judge William O. Gammill, Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ALLISON MCNEESE
Personal Representative
12/25, 1/1, 1/8 pd.

LEGAL NOTICE

McInnis, LLC hereby gives notice of completion of contract with the State of Alabama for construction of Project No. BR-1608(200) in Coffee County, Alabama.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on January 1, 2004 and ending on January 22, 2004. All claims should be filed at 1120 Parker St., Montgomery, AL 36108 during this period.

McInnis, LLC
1-18,15,22 chg.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE

Please take notice that Joey Walden whose address is 25602 Hwy 189, Elba will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, or otherwise dispose of an abandoned motor vehicle. The vehicle was abandoned on the property of Mr. Walden approximately December 20, 2001 and the name and/or resident of the

owner is unknown. The vehicle is a Toyota Camry and the serial number is JT2SV16E1G0470852 and the model year is 1999. The sale will be held at 25602 Hwy 189 on or after 10:00 AM on January 15, 2004.

The seller shall have a right to reject any bid that is unreasonably low and may postpone the public sale until another specified time and place. In addition, the Seller expressly reserves the right to bid and purchase at the public sale or otherwise dispose of the vehicle.

1/1, 1/8 pd.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA ALABAMA

BETTY MESSER, PLAINTIFF,

VS.

VENTELLIE CORBIT, DEFENDANT.

CASE NO: DV-2003-46

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Ventellie Corbit
You are hereby notified that a Complaint has been filed against you and you are required to appear and plead to or answer the same within (14) days of the last publication, which will be the 1st day of January 2004, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on January 1, 2004 and ending on January 22, 2004. All claims should be filed at 1120 Parker St., Montgomery, AL 36108 during this period.

James (Mickey) Counts, Circuit Clerk
Coffee County, Alabama
1-18,15,22 chg.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



The Elba office of Human Resources Development Corporation (HRDC) recently moved to its new location across the street from the old Elba High School. In honor of this move, an open house and ribbon cutting was held Monday, Dec. 15. The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony for HRDC. Elba Mayor James Grimes (center with scissors) and HRDC officials were joined by several city officials, beauty queens, chamber representatives and other friends and supporters of HRDC in dedicating the new office building. Following the ribbon cutting, all were invited inside to get a look at the renovations and to enjoy refreshments.

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Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Women Are Taking To The Outdoors In Record Numbers

At what educational course will you find the combined smells of burnt gunpowder, Dutch oven cooking, perfume, and hairspray? If you are one of the women who have attended a BOW (Becoming An Outdoor Woman) course, you know the answer to the above question.

BOW began in 1990 at a workshop at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. At this workshop one of the primary objectives was to determine why fewer women than men participated in the outdoors sports such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, canoeing, etc. The first course was an instant success with more signing up than could be accommodated. Since then, almost every state offers the BOW course. The Alabama Division of Fresh Water Fisheries and the Alabama

Treasure Forest Assoc. sponsor Alabama's BOW program. Course attendees can elect to attend a 3-day course at the Alabama 4-H Center located in Shelby County or they may elect to attend one of several one-day courses held around the state.

A recent 1 day BOW course was held at the John and Carol Dorrill farm near Troy. The all female class included housewives, teachers, a county commissioner, a home economics agent, administrative assistants, and real estate agents, to name a few. Students could choose courses in marksmanship, firearm safety, fishing skills, camping, map and compass reading, outdoor cooking, archery, wildlife photography, canoeing, and crafts such as making walking sticks and birdhouses.

Karen Berry, of Pike County said "I just wanted to become familiar with outdoor activities such as fly fishing, canoeing, and shooting. I didn't fall out of the canoe and I learned the basic canoe paddling strokes. I definitely recommend this course to all women."

Winnie Atkinson from Elmore County has participated in four BOW courses. "I really liked the pistol shooting. I made a nice walking staff and blue bird house with the help of our nature craft instructor," said Atkinson.

Many of the participants said they enjoyed hunting and/or fishing and felt assured that the knowledge gained in this one day course will benefit them. Several women said they did not hunt or fish but were thrilled they signed up for the course to learn about the other outdoor activities. One participant, a single parent from south Alabama, was so impressed with the basic canoe course that she said she planned to purchase one as soon as she got home so she and her 10 year old son could enjoy canoeing together.

Things are changing in the outdoor world fellows. The girls have discovered our secret, and it's a good thing. Call 1-800-262-3151 to find a course near you.

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Arctic air brings winter to Southeast Alabama

Residents urged to protect the 4-P's

by Linda Hodge, Editor

As extremely cold Arctic air reached Southeast Alabama this week, area residents went searching for their warmest winter weather attire.

The winter season is generally recognized as being from December until March; however, the months of January and February tend to bring the coldest temperatures of the season to Southeast Alabama.

The early part of the week followed this theory as Tuesday night, Jan. 6, was expected to bring the coldest temperatures of the season thus far.

John Tallas, director of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, said the area is just now entering what local residents recognize as the winter season, and he said it is important to remember the four-P's: pets, pipes, plants and people.

"If residents remember this and take the necessary precautions to protect the four-P's, everything should be all right," he said.

Tallas said the best advice for dealing with extremely cold temperatures is to stay inside whenever possible, but for those who must go outside, it is important to dress in layers. He said layers help keep a person warm better than wearing one thick piece of clothing, and layers can be peeled off if it begins to get too warm.

When outside during cold weather, residents must keep in mind the windchill which is the calculation of how cold it feels outside when the actual temperature and the speed of the wind are combined.

According to winter weather preparedness information, a strong wind combined with a temperature of just below freezing can have the same effect as a still-air temperature about 35

degrees colder.

In regards to traveling, Tallas said it is important to keep gasoline tanks near full during cold weather, and the fluids in vehicles should be "winterized."

During freezing and below temperatures, motorists should also be mindful of icy roads.

Other important things to consider during winter include heaters, propane tanks and pipes.

Tallas said residents using combustible equipment such as kerosene heaters to warm their homes should be sure to ventilate the home to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. He also said residents should not wait until the last minute to have their propane tanks filled.

Tallas said it is very important for residents to pay attention to pipes during freezing weather. He said exposed pipes should be wrapped and outside hoses should be disconnected. Taking these type precautions could possibly help prevent water from backing up and eventually bursting pipes.

Of course in Southeast Alabama, the fluctuation of the weather is always something to take into consideration.

Tallas said this week alone served as a prime example of the constant and quick changes the area tends to experience.

On Monday, Jan. 5, some places in the state set records for abnormally warm temperatures for this time of year. Then, the Arctic air reached the area and immediately changed the weather from unseasonably warm to the coldest temperatures of the season.

By the end of this week, temperatures should rise again, but Tallas said the national weather service officials in Tallahassee, Fla. are expecting temperatures to drop again by next week.

"Residents should pay close attention to the weather," he

said. "Conditions can change from day to day."

As the residents of Coffee County strive to be prepared for whatever weather heads this way, Tallas reminds everyone of the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency's website which also features preparedness suggestions for several other conditions including: chemical emergencies, hurricanes, tornadoes, extreme heat, thunderstorms, flash floods and earth quakes.

This informative website can be found at: www.cccema.com

ALERT

Due to widespread cases of flu, pneumonia and respiratory infections in the community, Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home requests there be no routine visits until further notice.

Visiting of patients and residents by small children is strictly prohibited. This restriction has been issued in order to protect the public, hospital patients and nursing home residents.

Should a visit by family members be necessary, report to the nurse's station for instructions. Cooperation in this disease prevention effort is appreciated.



SMOOTH TRAVELING...Motorists traveling in and around Elba soon will find their routes a lot easier to travel as several detour signs will come down. According to officials working on the levee rehabilitation project which forced the closing of several streets in Elba, four highly traveled streets should be open to traffic by Wednesday, Jan. 14 (weather permitting). Currently a section of the Troy Highway, Jackson Street and Caroline Street are closed to traffic as crews work on the roads at the point where the levee crosses. Reese Street has been open to traffic for a few days, but the road needs to be resurfaced where the levee work was completed. According to officials, work on these roads should be complete by next Wednesday, and traffic will again be able to travel straight through. In regards to future road closings due to levee rehabilitation work, residents should note that the Highway 84 East bridge will be the site of closings in February. Levee officials said tentatively the bridge will have one lane of traffic closed from Monday, Feb. 9, until Friday, Feb. 20. Then, sometime in mid to late February, the bridge will be completely closed to traffic for a whole 24-hour period during a weekend. Residents and other motorists are urged to be mindful of these upcoming closings as traffic will be slower while one lane is closed from Feb. 9-Feb. 20, and detours will have to be taken during the day the bridge is closed.

Elba High student named 2003-04 Coffee County DAR Good Citizen

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Among the many honors bestowed upon a high school senior is the DAR Good Citizen Award, and the five schools in Coffee County each recently selected their good citizen.

The National DAR Good Citizens Committee was established in 1934, and the DAR Good Citizen award has long been recognized as one of the most prestigious awards a senior can receive.

The five Coffee County seniors recognized by their fellow students and teachers as a DAR Good Citizen for the 2003-04 school year include: Meredith

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Congressman Terry Everett takes a look back at the progress of 2003

Over the last twelve months, Congress has delivered on promises to relieve the tax burden on working families and small business, to expand benefits for veterans, to safeguard the environment, to protect our children, and to bolster consumer rights. Here's a look.

Strengthening Our Economy - America's families and small businesses will benefit from the passage of the Jobs and Growth Act in 2003. Under this new law, 91 million taxpayers received, on average, a tax cut of \$1,126. Over the last two years, 109 million taxpayers have received, on average, a tax

cut of \$1,544. Some 23 million small business owners received tax cuts averaging \$2,209. This new law accelerated the tax relief signed into law by the President in 2001, including marriage penalty relief, an increase in the child tax credit, and tax rate reductions for every family that pays Federal income taxes. It also provided new incentives for businesses, especially small businesses, to invest in plants and equipment and create new jobs.

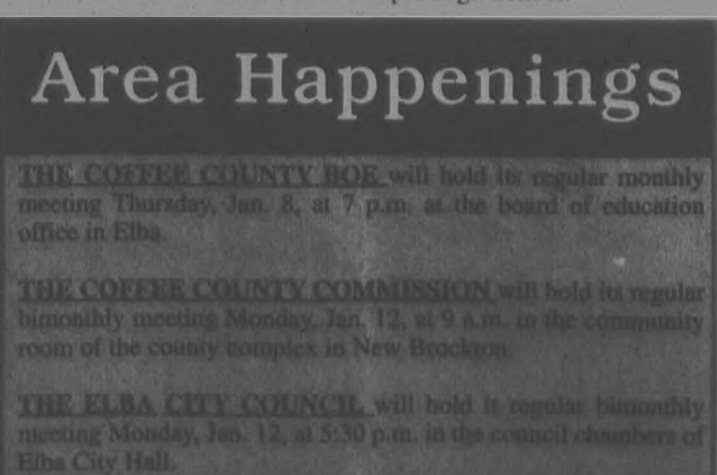
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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY...Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc. showed its community support last week as Eddie Kelley (right) represented the company in presenting several donation checks to the City of Elba. Kelley presented the checks to Elba Mayor James Grimes and said the donations were made to several different city organizations including the Elba Fire Department, Elba Police Department, Elba City Schools, Elba Rescue Squad and Elba Economic and Development Corporation.

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Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOE will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. at the board of education office in Elba.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 12, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will hold its regular bimonthly meeting Monday, Jan. 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers of Elba City Hall.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of New Brockton Town Hall.

THE TUSKEGEE ARMED will present a Youth Seminars/Workshop Services in New Brockton on Saturday, Jan. 24, and Sunday, Jan. 25. The Youth Seminars will focus on careers in aviation.

NOTICE

The Enterprise Police Department began handling dispatching services for the Coffee County Sheriff's Department Thursday, Jan. 1st.

All rural residents of Coffee County should continue to use 911 for all emergencies; however, for service calls, the phone number to the Enterprise Police Department is 347-2222. The police department will dispatch a deputy for assistance.

The reorganized direct number to the Coffee County Jail is 894-6260. All citizens are encouraged to be patient during this initial transition phase.

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